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DPW: Beach Road Improvement Project set for Oct. completion



File photo of the Beach Road Improvement Project along Route 33 in Susupe.

HK Airlines chairman to pilot the inaugural flight to Saipan

By KIMBERLY B. ESMORES

As if it being the first flight back after a two-year hiatus wasn't special enough, the return of Hong Kong Airlines to Saipan will be made extra special with the company's the CNMI's tourism chairman himself piloting the industry on the right track

inaugural flight back to Saipan on April 29.

CNMI, has been preparing for the long-awaited return of Hong Kong Airlines which essentially puts Concepcion



to recovery post-COVID-19 as it opens up a third source market.

However, seems as though HK Airlines' return is just as special to the HK Airlines as it See AIRLINES on Page 4

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie delatorre@saipantribune.com

he Department of Public Works has anticipated the completion of Beach Road Improvement Project to include minor touch ups by October or late fall this year, according to DPW Secretary Ray N. Yumul. See DPW on Page 4

DOJ urged to denounce **Insular Cases**

WASHINGTON, D.C.— House Natural Resources



Committee ranking member Raúl M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.; represented by staff) and

Congresswoman Stacey E. Plaskett (D-V.I.) were joined by civil rights groups See DOJ on Page 4

Gonzales' delegate run will be as independent

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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John Oliver Delos Reyes Gonzales formally

nounced yesterday his candidacy for delegate to the U.S. Congress as an independent and explained why he left the NMI Republican Party.

"Paramount in my decision was the quintessential need for us to respect the fundamental rights of our people as See GONZALES on Page 4



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

decided to run for delegate to the U.S. Congress as an independent during a press briefing yesterday at the Eloy S. Inos Peace Park in Puerto Rico.

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Prom season is finally here! If you've been dreaming of this night since freshman year, you're probably itching to dive into planning. Allow Saipan Tribune to help.

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The 25th Annual Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival will pit local competitors against celebrity food fighters from Korea and Japan on May 11, 2024, in Garapan, Saipan, the Marianas.

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Local

Number of weekly arrests decreases

By KIMBERLY B. ESMORES

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The number of arrests the Department of Public Safety has made in the past week has decreased based on the most recent police blotter made public by the department.

Last Tuesday, DPS released its weekly police blotter detailing the number of calls made

to the department, the number of incidences responded to, and the number of arrests made in the past week.

According to the police blotter prepared by DPS spokesperson Fred Sato dat-

ed April 7-13, DPS officers made a total of four arrests during this period.

When compared to the blotter released for the week before, from March 24 to 30, DPS officers made a total of 10 arrests.

Then, the week before that, from March 17 to 23, DPS made a total of 12 arrests.

Prior to that week, from March 10 to 16, a total of 14 arrests were made according to the police blotter issued by DPS.

Based on the previous blotters issued by the department, a significant decrease in arrests have been made dating in the last month.

In related news, from April 7 to 13, DPS responded to 92 criminal incidents and 15 traffic-related cases from April 7 to 13, 2024.

According to the police

blotter, of the 107 incidents, 44 were 911 service calls to the police.

Police responded to two assault incidents; five assault and battery incidents; two nuisance incidents; four domestic vio-

lence incidents; 42 disturbing the peace incidents; six criminal mischief incidents; one illegal possession incident; three burglary incidents; and 25 theft incidents.

As for traffic incidents, DPS said it responded to six auto-auto crash incidents; three auto-ran off roadway incidents; one reckless driving incident; one driving under the influence incident; and four auto fixed object incidents.



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SBDC to host 2-part training series on becoming procurement-ready

In its efforts to expand access to economic opportunities for the Commonwealth's business communities, the CNMI Small Business Development Center Network is proud to announce "Federal Contracting 101: Pre-positioning Your Business to Be Procurement-ready," a comprehensive training session designed to arm local businesses in developing their capacity towards bidding for military and/or federal contracts.

In this two-part training series, clients will learn how to successfully register in SAM. gov, a critical component to accessing federal contracts, and how to develop Capability Statements, a necessary marketing tool for businesses to effectively communicate their business' capacity.

During this session, participants are asked to meet the following prerequisites prior to attending:

- Use of personal laptops during the session to follow along with the instructor.
- Possession of an Employers Identification Number, or EIN, from the IRS; clients may also apply online at https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-busi-

nesses-self-employed/apply-for-an-employer-identification-number-ein-online if they do not have one. It normally takes 24 hours for the IRS to issue an EIN.

This educational opportunity aims to empower attendees with the necessary skills to enhance their business profiles and compete more effectively for contracts and opportunities. To maximize on the effectiveness of the training opportunity, clients are also asked to bring electronic copies of the following:

- Business license.
- CUC bill, bank statement, or any official document indicating their physical address (No P.O. boxes).
- If company is an LLC, Certificate of Existence (if you have one); otherwise, an electronic copy of Articles of Incorporation will suffice.

The following information must also be readily available on-hand:

- Bank account information: Bank's routing number and bank's account number.
 - Annual revenue.
- Capability statements serve as crucial marketing

tools for businesses, especially when seeking government contracts or partnerships with larger corporations. At 2pm, the second session of this two-part series will offer effective ways for clients to learn how to craft impactful capability statements that can significantly enhance a company's visibility and credibility, opening doors to new opportunities for growth and success.

The training session will cover essential elements of a Capability Statement including:

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- Identifying key components to include in a capability statement.
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- Tailoring capability statements to specific audiences and opportunities.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn from industry experts, participate in interactive discussions, and receive practical guidance on developing and refining their capability statements.

Details of the training sessions are as follows:

- Federal Contracting 101:
- How to Register in

SAM.gov

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024 Time: 9am

Location: Room V217, Northern Marianas College Campus

Register here: https://marianas.ecenterdirect.com/events/1019152

■ Federal Contracting 101: How to Develop a Capability Statement

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024 Time: 2pm

Location: Room V217, Northern Marianas College Campus

Register here: https://marianas.ecenterdirect.com/events/1019153

Registration for the training session comes at no-cost, but

space is limited. To register for this training or for more information, contact Adelpha Magofna at (670) 237-6888 or by email at adelpha.magofna@marianas.edu.

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OAG forges passenger protections partnership with DOT

Attorney General Edward Manibusan announced a new partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation to review and resolve consumer complaints against airlines and ticket agents. The agreement streamlines how Manibusan and DOT will work together to review consumer complaints and identify violations of federal aviation consumer protection requirements.

The new process for addressing consumer complaints against air travel companies, outlined in a memorandum of understanding between the CNMI Office of Attorney General and the DOT, reinforces state and federal commitments to protect the rights of the travelers. The CNMI is one of 25 states or territories that either signed an MOU with the DOT or expressed an interest in executing such an agreement. This action comes at a time when complaints about flight disruptions, lack of refunds, and lost or delayed baggage continue to be core passenger concerns.

"Air travel is fundamental to the citizens of our community.

Entering this MOU with the DOT solidifies and strengthens the commitment of both parties to protect the rights of our airline consumers. Customers booking airline tickets deserve to be fairly treated and know exactly what they are buying and to get what they pay for under the law. This coordinated effort with the DOT will provide better protection for our citizens and our visitors," said Manibusan.

"We take our mission to protect consumers seriously, and today's launch of the Airline Passenger Protection Partnership is an important milestone in that effort," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "By partnering with a bipartisan group of state attorneys general, the U.S. Department of Transportation has expanded our ability to hold airlines and ticket agents accountable and protect passengers from unfair or deceptive practices."

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ciary ranking member Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) and Senate

by the Justice Department last month in which it stated that "aspects of the Insular Cases" reasoning and rhetoric, which invoke racist stereotypes, are indefensible and repugnant." However, the court has yet to reject the doctrine wholly and expressly. The Insular Cases stand alongside infamous decisions, including Dred Scott sions, they continue to be defended by DOJ.

"The Justice Department has made strides in the right direction by criticizing 'aspects' of the racist Insular Cases as 'indefensible and repugnant.' But it is time for DOJ to go further and unequivocally reject these racist decisions, much as it has for other Supreme Court opinions that relied on racist stereotypes that do not abide by the Constitution's command of equality and respect for rule of law, said Grijalva.

"The Justice Department

has a crucial opportunity to take the lead in rejecting the Insular Cases. For far too long these decisions have justified a racist and colonial legal framework that has structurally disenfranchised the 3.6 million residents of U.S. territories and denied them equal constitutional rights. Neither the DOJ nor anyone else should be defending any 'aspects' of the racist Insular Cases," said Plaskett.

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GONZALES

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registered voters to exercise freely and to vote for their preferred choice of candidate free from any intrusion, free from any distraction, and free from any violation of their rights to vote," said the 52-year-old Gonzales during a press briefing at the Eloy S. Inos Peace Park in Puerto Rico.

Gonzales said at the urging of his political advisers and Ambrosio Ogumoro, who is chairman of the committee-toelect him and was trained and certified with U.S. Marine reconnaissance, he decided to withdraw running as delegate under the NMI Republican Party and is now running as an independent.

Gonzales, who is a community advocate, said he was not provided written protocol about

the GOP primary in advance.

He said he had lobbied for an open primary because at the end of the day, people now don't vote for the party, especially mid-terms in this case, they vote for the candidate they believe in.

Gonzales said the last election was a testament to that.

"My pledge and my loyalty is to work no less for our people no matter what color they are, no matter what ethnicity or demographic. We must celebrate our people. They need our help. This is our home," he said.

The CNMI Republican Party's primary election scheduled on April 13, 2024 did not push through after Gonzales, through Ogumoro, notified the party of his withdrawal.

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DPW

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Speaking at a press briefing last week, Yumul said they do have from the contractor, GPPC, the updated schedule for excavation, based preparation, and asphalt paving.

Yumul said DPW highway engineer Henry Bautista sat down with GPPC as they wanted to make sure that the timeline that they are going to put out is reasonable and realistic.

He said this is important so that motorists will be able to anticipate where the traffic congestion is going to be at and areas that they are slowly going to speed up traffic because paving has certainly been completed.

The secretary said the timeline that they're looking at was

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between March 22, 2024 to April 15, 2024 for paving to be substantially completed for the stretch of highway between the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium and Civic Center.

He said along the pathway, those sections may not be completed as vet but it is in the schedule.

"Paving is really our priority at this point so that we can get again the community to go about their business," Yumul said.

The secretary said between March 30, 2024 through May 30, 2024, GPPC would start working on the Atkins-Kroll Toyota to Ada Gym section for paving.

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DOJ

and other allies to call on the U.S. Department of Justice to condemn and cease its reliance on the Insular Cases, a series of racist U.S. Supreme Court decisions that broke from prior precedent to justify colonial governance in the U.S. territories.

The members also announced that they sent a bipartisan, bicameral letter to DOJ earlier this week signed by a total of 43 members of Congress, including House Judi-

is to the CNMI with the com-

pany's chairman himself-

Sun Jianfeng Jeff—serving as

the captain of the upcoming

In an interview with Mar-

ianas Visitors Authority

managing director Chris

April 29 flight to Saipan.

AIRLINES

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Judiciary Committee chair Dick Durbin (D-Ill.). The letter follows a filing

v. Sandford, Plessy v. Ferguson, and Korematsu v. United States, yet unlike those deci-

Concepcion, he said MVA

is very excited about this

recent development and it

makes the HK Airlines' re-

"We were informed by

Hong Kong Airlines that

the chairman of the compa-

ny, who is also a licensed

pilot, will be piloting the

inaugural flight. We're very

excited. It's a big deal to

turn even more special.

have the chairman of the company pilot the flight to

Saipan," he said.

For the CNMI's part, Concepcion said MVA has arranged for Lt. Gov. David Apatang and Judy Torres, MVA deputy managing director, to represent the CNMI in the festivities HK Airlines will be hosting in honor of their inaugural return to Saipan.

"Hong Kong is making a big deal out of this inaugural flight, there will be a ceremonial launch in Hong Kong and we want to make sure the CNMI is represented," he said.

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PUBLIC NOTICE AGENDA

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building. The following agenda will be considered and public attendance is welcome.

- Preliminary Matters A. Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda* Adoption of Minutes
 - March 27, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Correspondence
- Management Report
- Executive Director's Report Ufficer's Report
- C. Legal Counsel's Report Old Business
- Proposed New Classification and Compensation System
- CUC Drug Policy Government and CHCC Receivables
- New Business
- A. Temporary Purchased Power Saipan
 B. Personnel Matters
- Public Comments* Executive Session'
- Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment
 - JANICE A. TENORIO Chairwoman, CUC Board of Directors
- In accordance with Public Law 8-41, additional agenda items may be added to the above
- isting only by a recorded vote of the majority members of the governing body.

 * Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, the CUC Board of Directors may vote to meet at any time in executive session, to consult with the Legal Counsel on matters deemed privileged and



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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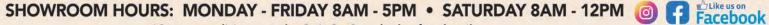
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Earth Day Mini Night Market at CK on April 22

By CHRYSTAL MARINO chrystal_marino@saipantribune.com CORRESPONDENT

It's not only a celebration of Mother Mature, but the Earth Day Mini Night Market this April 22 will also be a showcase of CNMI local businesses and non-profits.

Local Girls Marianas' Ashley Pangelinan and Tiara Deleon Guerrero said the event will be held from 5pm-9pm at the Saipan and Northern Islands Leadership Kiosku across the U.S. Post Office in Chalan Kanoa. It will feature seven non-profit info booths, 19 vendors, and entertainment

from local band Da Kine, resident rap artist Jordan Paradise, Tipiyew Bwiibwis, and Cultural Production Inc.

"It's definitely Earth-centered this time and we're trying to recommend to all the vendors to highlight something eco-friendly, or even like Earth-designed, or just Earth-themed," said Deleon Guerrero.

She and Pangelinan added that the CNMI's very own Miss Earth, Jan Zowie Cruz, will be the mistress of ceremony and along with the vendors info booths and entertainment, there will also be a raffle drawing.

Another feature of the eve-

ning will be the book signing from master navigator and author Lino Olopai. Those interested are to bring their own copy of his book *The Rope of Tradition*, which he will be signing that night.

"I know that it's going to be right after the Flame Tree Arts Festival, but I still hope some members of the community can join us for the event," said Pangelinan.

Non-profit booths that will be there include Marianas Islands Nature Alliance, Boonie Babies, Coastal Resources Management, Friends of the Marianas Trench, Come Play With UsPet Services, the Northern Marianas College- Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service, and Saipan Kitten and Cat Rescue.

Earth Day Mini Night Market's vendors, meanwhile, are Kiara's Garden, Caluti Club, Candle J. Saipan, Thai Plant Lady by Mei, Tanny's Crafts, Will and Eb's Tropic Threads, Local Girls Lemonada, JB's Creative Corner, Tropic Treats 670, CocoBear Cookies, Isla Krafty Corner, HolyMac's Custom French Macarons, Islandry 670, Lei's with LoVee, Tahine's Creation, NMI Artistry and Designs, Nature Treasures, Paopao, Cherry Moon Co., Coconut Fresh Drink, and Marianas Nature.

For food, Pangelinan said Kada Dia vendors have agreed to open late to serve hungry customers of the Earth Day Mini Night Market.

Deleon Guerrero and Pangelinan extend a warm invitation for community members to grab their reusable bags (there's no plastic bags at the Earth Day Mini Night Market) and head on down for a very special night.

ASC Trust has acquired BG Investment Services

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank-Guam Holding Company announced the acquisition of 100% ownership of BG Investment Services, Inc. by ASC Trust, LLC.

The acquisition, which was finalized on April 1, 2024, is part of efforts to streamline and enhance investment services offered by BGIS and ASC Trust.

BGIS, a subsidiary of BGHC since 2015, provides a full suite of investment advisory services to institutions and individuals throughout Micronesia.

ASC Trust, a subsidiary of BGHC, was founded in 1990 and specializes in the management of retirement plans in the Western Pacific region. The company currently manages more than \$1 billion in retirement assets for more than 50,000 participants.

"The acquisition of BGIS by ASC Trust represents a major milestone in our ongoing commitment to delivering comprehensive financial solutions throughout Micronesia. We are confident this move will bring greater value to customers by merging the investment advisory expertise built by BGIS and ASC Trust under a single team," said Joaquin P. L.G. Cook, president and CEO of Bank-Guam Holding Company

We are extremely excited about the synergies and enhanced capabilities this investment brings to both our individual clients and participants in the retirement plans our organization serves. This allows us to continue to build a team of experts, with unparalleled local knowledge, ensuring our clients receive financial guidance tailored to the specific challenges and opportunities of our region," said David J. John, chairman and managing director, ASC Trust, LLC.

Following the acquisition, the BGIS office has moved to the same location as ASC Trust in the Capitol Plaza at 120 Father Duenas Avenue, Hagatna, Guam 96910. BGIS can be reached at (671) 472-5490. (PR)



PACIFICPOINTS

Docomo Pacific donates \$1K to 2024 MMAC

Docomo Pacific reaffirmed its commitment to community health and support by returning as a Major Sponsor for the 2024 Marianas March Against Cancer. Through their generous contribution of \$1,000, Docomo Pacific demonstrates their ongoing commitment to improving the lives of those affected by cancer in the Marianas.

The 2024 Marianas

March Against Cancer will be held on May 3, 2023, from 3pm to11pm at the CPA Airport Field.

There will be four tiers of sponsorship packages: The

first is at \$10,000, and that sponsorship is usually represented on the MMAC shirt. The second one is \$8,000-plus, the third \$3,000-plus, and fourth is \$1,000-plus. They will also recognize \$500 and up sponsorships. This includes in-kind and

monetary donations.

For sponsorship opportunities, contact: mmac.sponsorship@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, there are six tiers of entry for participating teams: Pulan for families and Napu for schools, will cost \$300 for both; Atdao

for non-profits, \$399; Tano for non-profit organizations partnering with a school, educational institution or government agency, \$500; Puti'on for corporations, \$550; and Tasi for corporations partnering with a family, non-profit organization or school, \$750. (PR)

2024 MMAC introduces Team Kiddo

Team Kiddo was created in loving memory of Maria Luisa Litulumar Arriola, who was affectionately known as "Kiddo" within the familia. We are and will continue to celebrate the radiant spirit she has always brought to our lives. With a heart as kind and warm as sunshine, her infectious, at times irritating laughter could brighten the darkest of days and fill a room with joy. Kiddo was more than a mother of two beautiful boys, she was a beacon of love, youthfulness, and beauty. Kiddo will forever be cherished by all who knew her.

In July of 2018, Kiddo faced an unexpected challenge when she was diagnosed with stage four gastric cancer. Despite the pain and uncertainty, she carried herself with unwavering elegance and grace, embodying the true essence of a warrior. Through her silent battles, she never faltered, keeping her head held high and her heart strong as she navigated the difficult journey

with courage and resilience.

To honor Kiddo's memory and the strength that she had exemplified, her family united under #TeamKiddo for the 2024 Marianas March Against Cancer. Symbolizing her indomitable spirit, the #Team-Kiddo logo features a baboo, inspired by her favorite song, "Bamboo" by Kimie Miner. Wrapped in a ribbon symbolizing her courageous cancer journey, and the tropical flowers which serves as a reminder of her enduring personality and beauty.

Although Kiddo may no longer walk among us, her spirit lives on in each and every one of us, and the hearts she touched. With each step taken in her memory, we carry forward her legacy of love, resilience, and unwavering strength. Kiddo's presence is truly missed, but her light will continue to shine brightly in this world that she had once graced with her remarkable presence." (PR)

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CIVIL ACTION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Manuel Pangelinan Villagomez, Jr.,

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY; and

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Date:May 2, 2024
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Associate Judge

Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE MANUEL PANGELINAN VILLAGOMEZ, JR. OR HIS ESTATE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Thomas Pangelinan Villagome: has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to Probate the Will and for Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Manuel Pangelinan Villagomez, Jr., the deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is Oliver M. Manglona, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 7862 SVRB, Sajvan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition is scheduled to be heard on the

The hearing on the Petition is scheduled to be heard on the date and at the time set forth above at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing. Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims

Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having dains against the deceased or her Estate are hereby required by law to file their dains with the Clerk of Court within saxty (60) days of this publication or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to OLIVER M. MANGLONA, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2024

_____/s/__ Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JESUS BASA PANGELINAN

Petitioner,

FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-0154

SUMMONS FOR

PUBLICATION

JULANEE PANYAYAO] PANGELINAN]

PANGELINAN Respondent,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the Court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. BOX 503767 SAIPAN MP 9304 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by you counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this Summons, Judgement by Default may be taken against you for relief in the Complaint.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2024.

/s/ Clerk of Court

DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES CHMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID ITB NO.: DPW24-ITB No.: 42400081

SUBMISSION DATE: May 08, 2024

IME: 9:00 A.M.

"Sugar Dock Maintenance Dredging."

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

The project package will be available on or after April 12, 2024 at Technical Services Di-vision, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of pay-ment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

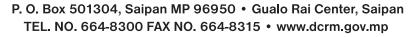
There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **April 23, 2024, 9:00 a.m.** ChST at the **Division of Fish and Wildlife Conference Room, Saipan.** The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 p.m. local time on April 30, 2024** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division,** 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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/S/RAY N. YUMUL Secretary, DPW /S/ BRIEN SERS NICHOLAS JR. Acting Director, Division of Procurement Services



DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT





NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of April 19, 2024

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

NO.	APPLICANT	DATE Application received	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	ТҮРЕ	STATUS
1.	Katarina Saipan 1 L.L.C dba Shawn Dive	03/28/2024 SLR-2023-089-R2	Commercial SCUBA Diving Tour	All Designated Dive Sites, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 04/10/2024
2.	Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation (NMNPSF)	03/28/2024 SCH-2024-037	Installation of Two (2) Single Story Pre-Fabricated Storage Container Units	Susupe, Saipan	Coastal Hazards	Approved* 04/08/2024
3.	Pacific Marine Enterprises, Inc.	04/04/2024 SPIm-2024-038	Drydock Work (M/V Pacific Marine I)	Lowerbase, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved* 04/09/2024
4.	Oceanal Corporation dba Divewish	04/05/2024 SLR-2024-039	Commercial SCUBA Diving Tour Operations & Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Application Tabled 04/12/2024*
5.	500 Sails, Inc.	04/08/2024 SLR-2024-040	Sailing/Traditional Maritime Activities (Beach Canoes)	Lowerbase, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved* 04/09/2024
6.	Fengyi Zhang Williams dba Big Shark Marine Sports	04/12/2024 SSm-2024-041	Temporary Beachfront Concession	Susupe, Saipan	Shoreline	Application Under Review*
7.	Rafaelito B. Alvarado	04/10/2024 SLR-2022-X-037-R3	Commercial Snorkeling Tour Operation	Grotto, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Application Under Review
8.	Mariana Water Tour, Inc. dba Water Player SCUBA Diving	04/10/2024 SLR-2024-042	Commercial SCUBA Diving Tour Operation	All Designated Dive Sites, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Application Under Review*
9.	Gaja Corporation dba Gaja Saipan	04/12/2024 SLR-2023-012-R3	Commercial Snorkeling Activities	Grotto, Paupau, Obyan & Laulau Beach, Saipan and Managaha Island	Lagoon & Reef	Application Under Review
10.	Captain Nite's Boat Charter, LLC dba Captain Nite's	04/12/2024 SLR-2024-001-R2	Banana Boat Operations & Snorkeling Activities	All Designated Zones, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Application Under Review
11.	Phoenix Enterprise, Inc. dba Phoenix Marine Sports	04/15/2024 SLR-2024-043-R2 (Formerly APC2023-0028)	Commercial Hobie Cat Sailing & Snorkeling Activities	Saipan & Managaha Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Application Under Review
12.	Oceans Sports Corporation dba Aqua Dive	04/16/2024 SLR-2023-004-R2	Commercial SCUBA Diving Operations	All Designated Dive Sites, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Application Under Review
13.	Department of Public Works (DPW)	04/16/2024 SMS-2024-044	Tinian Route 205 Road Improvement Project	San Jose, Tinian	Major Siting	Application Under Review*
14.	Sea Peoples, LCC Seungwoo Lee	04/11/2024 RLR-2024-03	Dive & Tour Operations	All Designated Dive Sites, Rota	Lagoon & Reef	Application Under Review*

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

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Preparing for the perfect prom night—the ultimate guide to prom

By NHORLEEN BITCO-LILLES

Prom season is finally here!

If you've been dreaming of this night since freshman year, you're probably itching to dive into planning. There's so much to think about, like what to wear, how to get there, and who to go with. Don't forget the pictures, transportation, and post-dance plans! To make sure you've got everything covered, we've put together the ultimate prom checklist in true island style. Snap a pic of the list below, and you'll be ready for the best party yet!

Yep, prom prep starts a few weeks and even months ahead. You need time to pick out your outfit and book hair, nails, and makeup appointments before they all fill up. Here's what to

do before the big night:

Hunting for the perfect prom outfit

have some idea of what you want to wear for prom. Ei- No stunning ensemble is truther way, look

samples online and on social media for dresses, suits, and outfit inspiration. Visit our local stores and boutiques that offer many

choices for the perfect prom ensemble you are looking for. If you're ordering online, do it early to leave time for exchanges or alterations if necessary but why do that when we have plenty of choices here on

the islands to meet your every prom need? Remember, support local!

I'm sure by now most of you Look for the perfect shoes

ly complete without the ideal pair of shoes. Luckily, we have the perfect shop right here on the island to meet all your needs for heels and dress shoes. Saipan Shoes is the go-to

spot for anyone seeking the perfect shoes to complement their outfit. From stunning heels to stylish dress shoes, they offer a wide range of collections suitable for prom and every occasion. Located in the building where Life in Son Fellowship is located at the corner of Middle Road and Gualo Rain Road in Gualo Rai and with convenient hours from 10am to 7pm daily, they make it effortless to find the

ideal footwear to complete

your look. Call them now at

Going with a date or prom solo

(670)-234-7388.

Decide whether you're going to prom with a date or with friends. If you choose to go with a date, plan your prom-posal ahead of time so you can ask them before anyone else does. You can find plenty of inspiration for prom-posals online, and there's sure to be something that suits your style and budget.

Book appointments

If you want your hair, makeup, nails and overall prom look professionally done, book them early. Spots fill up fast, especially if other schools have prom on the same day. Looking to freshen up your hairstyle or pamper your locks for your big day? Look no



further than Jigz Barbershop & Beauty Salon. Catering to both men and women, they offer an extensive range of services, from classic cuts like buzz cuts and military styles to luxurious treatments such as balayage color with botox, Brazilian blowouts, perms, and color highlights. Additionally, they specialize in precision fades like taper fades, and high and low fades, and provide manicures, pedicures, and relaxing foot spas.

Conveniently located on Chalan Kanoa Drive, they welcome customers from 9am to 7pm daily. With their skilled

part of the expected package for the evening. Coordinate with your parents to determine who will be responsible for dropping off and picking you up for prom.

Prom blossoms

At prom, it's customary for couples to sport matching corsage and boutonniere flower arrangements, with the boutonniere serving as the male counterpart to the corsage. Wearing a corsage is a time-honored tradition when it comes to prom accessories and it will be an extra sweet gesture if you have a bouquet

for your date. But even if you're attending dance solo, treating yourself to a beautiful corsage can be a delightful indulgence. Look

your big night. Their Prom Blossoms Bonanza boasts an impressive array of corsage and boutonniere designs, ensuring you find the perfect match for your attire and your date. Plus, they offer customization options, allowing you to tailor your arrangements to your desired look. Located at J.E.T. Bldg., in Gualo Rai, they are open on Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm, Saturdays, 9am-4pm, and even on Sundays during special occasions. Call and order now at (670) 2352276 or (670) 235-7372.

Get your tickets

One of your top priorities should be getting your ticket. Seniors often get first dibs, but it's crucial to secure your spot as soon as you can.

Dress rehearsal

Be sure to try on your prom outfit well in advance to allow time for any necessary adjustments. Consider if you need any special undergarments like strapless or backless bras, stick-ons, and whatnot. Make sure you try everything on before the big night. Experiment with accessories like jewelry, watches, or bags to complement your overall look. Make sure to break in your shoes as well especially if this is the first time you'd be wearing heels or dress shoes! Trust me, you won't want to dance in uncomfortable brand-new shoes.

Plan for photos

Capturing memories is just as crucial as selecting the perfect outfit. Take some time to plan out the poses you'd like to do ahead of time. Whether it's solo shots in your stunning attire, snapshots with your date, group photos with your squad, or cherished moments with

family members—and don't forget candid those shots on the dance floor. Every

ment at prom no further than Blossoms Flo- is worth remembering, and ral for all your floral needs on photographs serve as timeless reminders of the joyous occa-

Post-dance plans

Prom is a blast, but the after-party is where the real fun begins! Coordinate with your friends ahead of time to decide what you'll do afterward. Whether it's a beach bonfire, a resort sleepover, or a karaoke night, make sure your parents know your plans and whereabouts, and remember to stay safe and responsible.

Now go ahead and enjoy!





What are you looking forward to about prom?

By NHORLEEN BITCO-LILLES



"I along with the Grace Christian Academy Student Council am looking forward to the immense fun and excitement that will be brought to the students at prom. As our theme this year is Disco Fever, we hope to reignite the '70s and '80s energy of being carefree and exuberant along with that

era's music. We also aim to honor the Biblical role of fostering fellowship among students and creating environments that are judge-free. Overall, we are very excited about the upcoming Grace Christian Academy prom and cannot wait to see our Eagles there!"

STUCO vice president, Grace Christian Academy



"I'm excited to see everyone busting out their best moves on the dance floor and just soak in all the memories and last few moments with the same people who I had shared many wild adventures over the past four years. Plus, knowing my class, I am 100% sure that there's bound to be

some hilarious moments and a plethora of unforgettable memories just waiting to unfold! This event is hands down one of the most anticipated occasions, and you bet the senior Class of 2024 is ready to seize every moment and make it count! It's like the grand finale of high school, and I'm determined to make it unforgettable. So, bring on the dancing, the laughs, and the memories—I'm living for it all! Sincerely, your senior class president"

> **Keth Soriano** Senior president, Marianas High School



"I am looking forward to taking a break from school. It will be a nice change of pace to have fun instead to studying all the time. I think prom this year will be interesting and fun. I am also looking forward to seeing my friends and classmates wear formal clothing instead of their usual

clothing. The prom is a special event people look forward to for the chance to have a memorable and enjoyable night. I am a senior and since this is my last year, I want to have fun and make enjoyable memories with my friends and classmates."

Mark Chavez

Senior, Saipan International School



"As a junior, it's going to be my first prom so I'm really looking forward to seeing how it goes and to experience prom in high school. I want to get to experience it as a senior too, because for this year, this isn't really our event but for the seniors as this is their last day in high school. I am

also looking forward to going to prom next year as a senior."

Iver James Lilles

Junior, Marianas High School



"I am looking forward to attending this year's prom because I've never heard of a Murder Mystery-themed prom. I am looking forward to a night of fun-filled activities with my class, celebrations, and whatever prom has to offer."

Logan Camacho Mendiola

Senior class president, Saipan Southern High School

School Year 2023-2024 Prom Schedule

Dr. Rita S. Hocog Inos Jr. Sr. High School

"Casino Royale Date: May 26, 2024 Venue: Sinapalo Elementary School Cafeteria

Grace Christian Academy

Theme: "Disco Fever" Date: May 18, 2024 Venue: Pacific Islands Club

Kagman High School

Theme: "An Evening in Hollywood" Date: April 20, 2024 Venue: Kensington Hotel

Marianas High School

Theme: "Enchanted Forest" Date: April 27, 2024 Venue: World Resort

Mount Carmel School

Theme: "Tangled in the Moment" Date: April 13, 2024 Venue: Kensington Hotel

Saipan International School

Theme: "Crystal Gala" Date: April 20, 2024 Venue: World Resort

Saipan Southern High School

Theme: "Murder Mystery" Date: May 4, 2024 Venue: World Resort

Tinian Junior Senior High School

Theme: "The Roaring 20s" Date: May 4, 2024 Venue: Tinian High School Cafe-





A PROGRAM OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE



DONATIONS NEEDED

PROJECT PROM is designed to empower CNMI High School Juniors and Seniors to become peer advocates against sexual assault. Make a difference in a student's prom experience by donating new or gently used prom attire, including suits, button-ups, ties, shoes, dresses, heels, jewelry, and unused makeup supplies.

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- Northern Marianas College, OSAL Office
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SUNDAY

3:00 PM - 11:00 PM

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- Spend the day alongside 35 of the Marianas' finest local artists
- Enjoy performances from our local musicians and dancers, including our delegation for the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture
- Indulge in local delights from our 10 food vendors

Let's come together to honor our rich cultural heritage and inspire future generations to embrace our arts and culture. This year's festival is a celebration of artistic expression in all its forms – traditional crafts, folk art, contemporary pieces, culinary creations – there's something for everyone!

Mark your calendars and join us for a weekend filled with creativity and fun!

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Opinion



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EDITORIAL

Iran's true promise of terror: A dud of an attack that meant to murder

peration True Promise, Iran's missile and drone attack on Israel, a blatant act of war and the first-ever direct assault by Tehran on the Jewish state, was the most monumental flop in the history of combat, more embarrassing than the Spanish Armada or the Charge of the Light Brigade or Custer's Last Stand.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps, the shock troops of the ayatollahs, coordinated a massive barrage against Israel on Saturday night with more than 350 drones, cruise missiles, ballistic missiles and rockets and they basically went zero for 350. Even grading on a generous curve, that's a complete failure.

This was military incompetence on an unprecedented scale and the world breathes a sigh of relief at the carnage avoided.

It's not that the mullah's terror weapons exploded on the launch pads in Iran or blew up in the face of Iran's henchmen in Yemen, Iraq and Lebanon, it's that the onslaught was met and defeated in the air by the counter Operation Iron Shield of the Israel Defense Forces working in seamless symmetry with naval and air assets of the U.S. Central Command, British aircraft, French warships, along with Jordanian pilots.

The heroes were the daring allied pilots and Israel's Iron Dome, Arrow 2, Arrow 3 and David's Sling defensive systems and America's land-based Patriot missiles and Aegis countermeasures on two destroyers in the Mediterranean.

Iran claims a great victory, but is it a victory to shoot off a rocket that fails to reach its target? A 7-year-old Israeli Arab Bedouin girl was critically wounded by the fallout. A Muslim child was the sole casualty of the Islamic Republic's all-out effort and thankfully no religious shrines in the Holy City were hit.

Unless, of course, the hundreds of airborne weapons were designed to be intercepted, that this was part of an elaborate ruse, a fake-out on an enormous scale. Under this unbelievable scenario, Iran told neighboring Turkey about the plan and Turkey, a NATO ally of the U.S., with deep connections to the Pentagon, told the Americans. Then, forewarned, the good guys waited for the bad guys to foil their evil plot. As we said, unbelievable.

Will this outrage from Iran be enough for the U.S. Congress to finally approve President Biden's request for a military aid package for Israel and Ukraine, which is also the target of Iranian drones in the hands of the invading Russians?

Remember, Israel was attacked by Hamas on Oct. 7 in a premeditated terror bloodbath. Had the defensive measures not succeeded, Iran's 350 munitions could have intentionally killed thousands on Saturday.

Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy has been begging for help, as his stocks grow low and Putin's legions press deeper into the third year of the invasion. Defending democracy is always in the interests of the United States, whether over the night skies of the Middle East or by giving the besieged the tools to make their own fight.

Militant aggressors, like Hamas and Hezbollah and their masters in Iran and Putin will not relent. They must be defeated.

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Why swift Israeli reaction against Iran could lead to disaster

RUSSELS—Viewing live video footage of Iranian drones whizzing over Jerusalem's hills on Saturday—marked by small, flying spots of light that exploded into flares when they were hit—was like watching the passage from one Mideast era to another.

The shadow war between Jerusalem and Tehran that has gone on for decades burst into full view in front of a global television audience. In response to Israel's air strike at an Iranian facility in Damascus, Syria, that killed seven senior Iranian generals—including the top coordinator between Iran and Hezbollah—Iran attacked Israel on its home soil for the very first time.

Over the past several decades, Iran has used Arab proxy militias in Lebanon, Syria, Gaza, and Yemen when it wanted to do Israel harm.

True, Israeli air defenses were able to shoot down 99% of the 320 Iranian drones, as well as the cruise and ballistic missiles—with critical help from the United States, Britain, and Jordan, and intelligence input from regional Arab Sunni allies. It was an unprecedented display of military collaboration that defeated an attempt by Tehran to do substantial damage to an Israeli air base.

Yet, with Israel and Iran now confronting each other directly, the whole nature of Mideast warfare has shifted, as Iran pledges a similar attack if Israel hits back at it for this one.

Even as I write from Brussels, where I am attending the German Marshall Fund's Brussels Forum, which will focus on the future of Ukraine and NATO, the Israeli war cabinet is debating how to respond. Its choice could expand the Gaza conflict into a regional conflagration—and drag the United States into another Mideast war, which is the last thing the country needs.

President Joe Biden has urged Israel to "take the win" and not retaliate now, adding that the U.S. won't participate in an Israeli counterstrike. London has said likewise. Iran says it now wants to de-escalate, and media reports claim Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has pulled back from immediate retaliation.

I hope those reports are correct. A swift response aimed at targets on Iranian soil would be bad for Israel, and bad for the United States. Here are four reasons why.

It could lead to all-out war

Escalating quickly into tit-for-tat retaliation could lead to an all-out Israel-Iran war without a clear political strategy for an endgame. This is what has happened in Gaza, where Israel's military plunged in without any clear thinking from the political leadership about what would happen after the fighting. Nor was there any realistic thinking of who would rebuild or govern Gaza after Israel bombed it to smithereens, or what would be the future for the Palestinians who live there. Down this path lies a likely Israeli reoccupation of Gaza, an endless counterinsurgency, and probably death for the hostages who remain alive.

So as tempting as a wham-bang retaliation against Iran might be, Netanyahu's team needs to think through some basic questions. Does Israel think it can topple the Iranian regime? How? This has long been Netanyahu's dream, but does he expect the ayatollahs to fold? (If so, that is a dream, not a strategy.) Does Bibi (as Israelis nickname Netanyahu) really think he can drag the U.S. into a regional war?

By TRUDY RUBIN

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Trudy Rubin is a columnist and editorial-board member for the The Philadelphia Inquirer.



And if the goal is not to topple the regime, then what? Could Israel withstand a larger drone/missile attack from Tehran, in which Hezbollah—with 100,000 missiles—fully joined, and the Houthis did likewise? Are its air defenses sufficient? Rushing ahead without enough forethought could fulfill Hamas' deepest dreams of embroiling Israel in a full-scale, multisided Mideast war for which it isn't prepared.

Israel's use of questionable intelligence

Israeli intelligence failed badly in the lead-up to the Gaza war, and badly again in the lead-up to the Iranian attack. Can it be expected to do better in predicting the outcome of an escalation with Iran? Although there were reams of open information about Hamas' intentions to attack before Oct. 7, including reports sent repeatedly by Israeli military spotters, Israeli intel leaders ignored them because of preconceived ideas that Hamas didn't want a war.

Similarly, Israel killed the seven Iranian Revolutionary Guard generals at a time of high tensions over Gaza on the assumption that Iran would not strike back directly at Israel because it had not done so in the past. This does not bode well for Israeli understanding of what might occur if they rush toward a direct war with Iran.

U.S. support is not guaranteed

Why should Netanyahu assume the United States would join in such a venture when he regularly stiffed Israel's best friend, Biden? And can he wage such a war without U.S. help? The Israeli leader never gave Biden advance notice of the planned assassination of the generals, even though it was likely to explode regional tensions. He refused to listen to wise U.S. warnings about the need for a political strategy for a Gaza endgame, and the need to focus on the hostages (which Netanyahu failed to do for many months).

Moreover, everyone who watches the Mideast knows that Bibi has been trying to drag the U.S. into a war with Iran for years. Indeed, many Israeli critics of Netanyahu fear he might favor expanding the war to divert attention from the Gaza stalemate and his failure to rescue the hostages.

So there is good reason for Biden to insist that the U.S. won't join in a retaliatory attack on Iranian soil. Americans remember too well what happened when George W. Bush plunged into the Iraq quagmire.

Moreover, Bibi shouldn't be so certain that Donald Trump, should he win in 2024, would be eager to sink into another Mideast war.

There are broader strategic issues

Even as Biden has been going to the mat to help an ungrateful Bibi, the United States has more pressing strategic concerns that are being neglected while the White House tries to prevent a regional

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024 **13**

Trump needs strong running mate to spread the word about farce hush money trial

onald Trump's hush money trial makes it more imperative than ever that he pick a credible running mate in the coming weeks to rally his supporters behind his defense.

With Trump sidelined from the campaign trail, there is no one currently in the GOP ranks who can replace him.

A solid pro-MAGA surrogate VP pick could be the answer. She or he would be able to travel the country and draw attention to the ongoing farce trial in New York that has taken crucial time and money away from the campaign.

Does anybody honestly believe this trial is not politically motivated? Or that Trump will get a fair and impartial jury in liberal Manhattan? These are questions the GOP running mate can raise across the country in pro-Trump strongholds.

All Trump's opponents want is to stop him by any means necessary, including locking him up. Democrats don't care if they forever damage the judicial process by weaponizing it.

The reason Democrats need to stop Trump is because their own candidate is so weak. Joe Biden these days looks like he can barely walk as he gets off his helicopter. Not a great message to the world.

They may succeed in getting a conviction but in the process give Trump forces even more reason to vote this November.

It's going to be difficult for the former president to endure the unprecedented media and legal barrage he's facing. When prospective jurors were brought in on Monday, Trump already looked shaky and exhausted.

That's why getting a running mate soon could be critical while he is held hostage in the trial.

The trial could easily backfire by making Trump look like

Even if he's convicted in the next few months, Trump can still run for president and become commander-in-chief. But it could lead to efforts by Democrats to block him from doing so.

The prosecution is leading with two completely non-credible witnesses, Stormy Daniel and sketchy lawyer Michael Cohen.

But Democrats are hoping Trump loses his temper during the trial or is charged with contempt.

By JOE BATTENFELD Boston Herald



Whoever the running mate is will be instantly the subject of a barrage of attacks. The crop of potential candidates includes South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem, South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott, Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, New York congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Sen. J.D. Vance of Ohio, and former congresswoman and Naval Reserve Officer Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii. Other names are Sen. Katie Britt of Alabama, and Arkansas Gov. and former White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

Leading what's described as an Apprentice-like search is Trump adviser Susie Wiles and the campaign has already hired a firm to vet candidates. Also influential in picking a running mate will be Donald Trump, Jr. and Melania.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Beware of China but thanks and kudos Jesse

he truth of the matter is we should be thankful as a people for China's court who has decided the future of IPI for us, as it seems there is always another government beyond our own that continues to decide our fate. This time it was China with the casino and soon to be China again with the new flights from China. While I'm sure many citizens are glad to finally see the light at the end of the tunnel with the IPI fiasco so that we can now get rid of a Commonwealth Casino Commission that we no longer need and hopefully the CNMI can start moving forward in a new-different and better direction with our economy away from gambling to become a "family and young adult movement-oriented destination."

But I have this feeling the casino commission is going to make sure that "gambling" is still going to be forced down

our throats even with the failed casino. The next steps by the CNMI are vital, as we have either learned to start standing up and walking on-our-own financially or continue to struggle to carry our own financial weight figuratively. We (the CNMI) need to "get real skin in the game" as we say on the mainland and that takes work from the Executive to the Senate to the House of Representatives and various agencies to become truly competitive in the tourism industry! We actually have laws on the books that prevent the hemp and cannabis tourism industry from growing and being a productive funding resource for the government—duh! But who in government is going to do the work to fix these laws that can help to find that new money (new revenue sources) that we need so bad.

As a teacher and parent, I have taught children for over two decades to "be the masters of their own fate" but for some reason that hasn't happened in the CNMI. If it's not the feds we are looking toward for a solution it's Japan, China, or S. Korea dictating the future of the CNMI along with raising taxes on people when they know most citizens can't really afford to pay these

increases. I have been saying since the last election started that "we need to find new money," yet our leaders have yet to master the trick (economic and diplomatic plays) that can truly propel our economy forward to a level of prosperity that the CNMI only experienced once back in the mid and late 1990s—thanks to Japan and the garment industry. But now most of our eggs are in China's basket, which is why I'm raising the flag of caution while hoping things will work out for the better—so we should be prepared for the worst with a Plan B, if there is one.

But this is not about pointing a finger at the governor or anyone because it is the responsibility of every elected leader in the executive office and everyone who pen's legislation as "One People One Direction" to pursue economic prosperity for the people they represent but that takes real work and it's just easier to think gambling revenues only and just raise taxes hoping some investor will swoop-in and save us. If our leaders will start looking and working to for new money and the rest will come easy for our leaders.

I must end with thanking Mr. Jesse Torres on behalf of a lot of citizens for his efforts to get the ball rolling to finally get United to pay attention to the people of the CNMI and our endless fight against the inflated pricing of their airfares. It is things like this that can happen if and only "if we have more informed and active citizens, which is the key to having a successful government and society," James Madison in the Federalist Papers. Kudos to you Jesse and thank you!

Ambrose M. Bennett

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IRAN'S

From page 12

And Iran was decisively defeated Saturday night no matter what

House Speaker Mike Johnson must ignore the dangerous isolationists, or even pro-Russian elements, in his Republican conference and put the joint Ukraine/Israel bill on the floor, where it will pass overwhelmingly.

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WHY

Mideast war. As Rep. Michael McCaul, the savvy GOP chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said on ABC's Face the Nation on Sunday: "What happened in Israel last night happens in Ukraine every night."

While U.S. military supplies and air defenses flood Israel (and Speaker Mike Johnson still refuses to call a vote on the Senate supplemental bill that contains military aid for Israel and Ukraine), Russia is decimating Ukrainian cities.

If Israel does decide to carry out a swift—and hopefully limited strike on Iranian soil, I can only dream it might target Iran's drone factories, where those small killers are produced by the thousands for Russia to destroy Ukraine—and now to hit Israel.

At least such a strike would be narrowly focused and do some good for Ukraine as well as for Israel. But who knows where such retaliation would lead?

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Red Caesarism: Parodies of Trump's Verities

LITERARY NOOK By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' **CONNOLLY**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey aka "Pepe Batbon" Connolly is a retired educator who taught in the CNMI, NOLA, and LVNV. Joey is the Poet Laureate of Tinian, celebrating 40 years in the CNMI.



A parody using 'Anne Rutledge' a poem by Edgar Lee Masters (1868-1950). Found in Spoon River Anthology.

TRUMP the TWIT FULL OF SPIT A GOOGOLPLEX OF LIES

From me an unknown number of lies The very essence of my being With malice towards all, charity for none From me expulsion of all migrants Ridiculing the military heroes of war And bringing disgrace to our nation Scamming and avoiding justice and truth I am Donald J Trump, King of Mar-a-Lago Avoided in life by all living US presidents. Obsessed with myself and more money My prevarication will live on forever! My tweets filled with twit and twaddle My mouth denigrates the living and dead My life an egregious googolplex of lies.

What follows are two parodies of William Shakespeare's Sonnet 29. Here are its first two lines and last two lines: "When in disgrace with fortune and men's eves

I all alone beweep my outcaste state, ...

... For thy sweet love remembered such wealth brings That then I scorn to change my state with kings.' Was W.S prescient about DJT or what? My parodies:

WHEN IN DISGRACE WITH FAKE NEWS...

When in disgrace with fake news and lying media's eyes I throw childish temper tantrums about my outcast state I grow bald and round and tell many more lies Too blind with presidential power to ascertain my fate. Wishing only for more golf games and riches I hope to use my smarts, the stable genius that only I possess conspiring with V. Putin and Russian oligarchs scope What I enjoy most is being on my own golf course. Despite my being so smart some are still despising instinctively I think of me and my Secretary of State with the price of Middle East oil per barrel then rising from Saudi Arabia up to the Northern Arctic Gates liquid largesse for me increasing my wealth and bling that then I know I am, 'Believe Me' an American King.

My PRESIDENCY in DISGRACE in the Nation's Eyes

My Presidency in disgrace in the nation's Eyes I all alone tweet my utterly confused state and trouble the generals with baby boy cries so sad I'm not bigly making America great. Wish I was like that man from a place called Hope Articulate like him, a policy wonk and computer nerd Desirous and jealous of his ability to speak and cope Instead, I belittle and insult others with every word Yet in these thoughts filled with self-loathing I think of money and how much I'm making and obstinately fold my arms inside my clothing continuing bombastic demagoguery and faking. For bling and bucks remembered on this occasion dispel thoughts of going to prison for tax evasion. (these two appeared in the Saipan Tribune 04/30/2018.)

Oh My Grill food challenge to feature Korean, Japanese celebrity food fighters

The 25th Annual Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival will pit local competitors against celebrity food fighters from Korea and Japan on May 11, 2024, in Garapan, Saipan, the Marianas.

The Oh My Grill International Food Challenge will dare competitors to finish an entire Marianas-style BBQ platter within one hour, with the first finisher walking away with \$1,000 cash.

The three top finishers from the May 4 Subway Sandwich Challenge will face off on May 11 against professional

Location: SAIPAN

Position(s): (1) Staff Attorney

employment in the CNMI

competitive eater Sachivo Masubuchi from Japan and Sang Hyuk Kwon from Korea. The platter—prepared by local eatery Oh My Grill-will include 2 lbs of boneless BBQ chicken, two 8-ounce BBQ steaks, six pieces of BBQ pork spareribs, eight strips of BBQ pork belly, four BBQ hot links sausage, 2 lbs of red rice, 2 lbs of macaroni salad, and 2 lbs of papaya coco.

"The Oh My Grill International Food Challenge promises to be a fascinating face-off of local and international competitors, chowing down on the

Closing date: April 19, 2024

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT #05-2024

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates

and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or

veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law

11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation

evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival

Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or CPA Administration Office, Tinian

International Airport, or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. Failure to provide

any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment

drug screening, 10-year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d)

Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) or at the Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan

Detailed information on qualifications and position descriptions for the above positions may

be picked up along with the application form from Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

except on holidays and austerity, at the CPA Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the

Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Terminal or CPA Admin, Office at the

Tinian International Airport or at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. For

additional information, please contact the CPA Human Resources Office by email at

lorna.robert@cnmiports.com and hrspecialist@cnmiports.com or by phone at

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LEO B. TUDELA

Executive Director

Manglona International Airport is no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, April 19, 2024.

same mouth-watering Marianas barbecue that our islands are famous for," said Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Come out and cheer for your contender of choice, whether a hometown favorite or one of our international competitors. And the best news is, OMG will be selling some of those same delicious items as a vendor at 'Taste' that night, so anyone can enjoy the selection."

Taste of The Marianas is an annual signature event of the MVA and will be held

every Saturday night during May Tourism Month 2024 at American Memorial Park in Garapan, Saipan. The festival is a gourmet's delight, offering some of the destination's best cuisine and entertainment. The festival will feature affordable dishes from local hotels and restaurants, live entertainment, food eating competitions, cooking contests, arts and crafts sales, and more. Entry is free.

This year's festival eateries will include 38 Mitsubachi, Smokeout by Apu, Cup Bab Korean Restaurant, Ben-



A Saipan food fighter competes at the Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival in June 2023.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS

OWNERS/AGENT ENGINEER SERVICES PROJECT NO. CPA-RFQ-001-24

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is a public corporation and autonomous agency of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

In collaboration with the Office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, CPA is continuing its modernization initiatives of the CNMI's air and seaports through the identification, development, implementation, and completion of major capital improvement plan (CIP) projects that will further enhance the air and seaports' resiliency, sustainability and core capabilities.

Therefore, CPA is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Owners/Agent Engineer (OAE) Services with the intent to provide CPA professional services and technical support in the areas of design and engineering services, program management support, financial consulting and analysis, and other related services specific to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, the Francisco Manglona Borja/Tinian International Airport, the Benjamin Manglona Taisacan International Airport, the Port of Saipan, the Rota West Harbor, and the Tinian Harbor.

The project is being funded by a grant from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) and is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations, Section 40-50-202, Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Administration Office, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package. Electronic copies may be made available upon written request to Ms. Wendi Prater at email address wprater@cnmiports.com or Ms. Nora Vincent at receptionist @cnmiports.com.

Questions regarding this RFQ must be submitted to Ms. Wendi Prater, CPA's Executive Assistant/Project Manager, via email to wprater@cnmiports.com or hand delivered to the CPA Administration Office by no later than 5:00 p.m. CHST, FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024.

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf of their qualification statements no later than 5:00 p.m. CHST, FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024. All proposals shall be addressed to the attention of CPA's Executive Director, Mr. Leo B. Tudela. Additionally, proposals transmitted via facsimile or email will not be accepted.

The professional qualification will be evaluated based on the criteria provided in the RFO package

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Additional supporting documents that complement the qualification statements are encouraged.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all qualification statements for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Date: March 14, 2024

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Ki, Yaya's Baked Goods, MARPAC, Napu Brewing, CK Smokehouse and Salad, and WSTCO. Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan, Festival Gold Sponsors are Fork and Spoon, Great Har-

American Memorial Park, Bridge Capital LLC and Dave Electronics Center. Silver Sponsors are Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan, EST Rental, IT&E, HANMI, Jonny's Bar and Grill, M&C LLC, Lanlan Tea House, and Subway.

For more information, contact MVA Community Projects specialist Ray Villagomez at rvillagomez@mymarians.com or at (670) 664-3200. (PR)



PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES (PHS) Infant, Child & Adolescent Health Programs (Micah) Title v Maternal & Child Health Services

"ADDENDUM"

Correction (From RFP24-CHCC/PHS/MICAH-010 to RFP24-CHCC/PHS/MICAH-013)

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 13, 2024 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)

RFP24-CHCC/PHS/MICAH-013

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/S/ CORA P. ADA
DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS **CNMI GOVERMNT**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP NO.: DPW24-RFP No.: 42400082

SUBMISSION DATE: May 23, 2024 TIME: 10:00 A.M. "Provide Feasibility Study and Preliminary Design of the Proposed Utility Pedestal at Smiling Cove Marina, Saipan"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, LOCATED ON SECOND FLOOR, OLEAN JOETEN COMMERCIAL CENTER, SAN JOSE, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

The project package will be available on or after **April 19, 2024** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

There will be a Pre-Proposal Conference for this project on May 07, 2024, 9:00 a.m. ChST., at the DLNR Conference Room, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. ChST., on May 15, 2024 to Mr. Sylvan Q. Igisomar, Secretary of DLNR, Saipan. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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/S/RAY N. YUMUL Secretary, DPW

/S/ GERAJLDINE T. CRUZ Acting Director, Division of Procurement Services



INVITATION TO BID ITB NO.: DPW24-ITB No.: 42400078

SUBMISSION DATE: May 08, 2024 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"Gagu/Banalu Street Road **Improvement Project.**"

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The project package will be available on or after April 05. 2024 at Technical Services Di-vision, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of pay-ment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **April 23, 2024, 9:00 a.m., ChST** at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on April 30, 2024 to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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/S/ RAY N. YUMUL SECRETARY, DPW

/S/ BRIEN SERS NICHOLAS JR. **Acting Director, Division of** Procurement Services

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

NAME OF EMPLOYER: Northern Marianas Technical Institute

THE POSITION: Technical Education Teacher

NO. OF VACANCY: 1

JOB SITE: Manglen Way, Lower Base Drive, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern

JOB DESCRIPTION: Instruct students on electrical engineering topics and principles; Instruct students individually and in groups, using various teaching methods, such as lectures, discussions, and demonstrations; Prepare materials and classrooms for class activities; Adopt discussions, and demonstrations; Prepare materials and classrooms for class activities; Adopt teaching methods and instructional materials to meet students' varying needs and interests; Establish and enforce rules for behavior and procedures for maintaining order among students; Establish clear objectives for all lessons, units, and projects, and communicate those objectives to students; Instruct students on electrical engineering topics' Prepare students for later educational experiences by encouraging them to explore learning opportunities and to persevere with challenging tasks; Maintain accurate and complete students records as required by laws and administrative regulations; Instruct and monitor students in the use and care of equipment and entirels to revent injuries and demonstratives and demo materials to prevent injuries and damage; Assign and grade class works and homework; Enforce all administration policies and rules governing students; Prepare, administer, and grade tests and assignments to evaluation students' progress; Prepare objectives and outlines for courses of study, following curriculum guidelines or requirements of the state and school; Use computers, audio-visual aids, and other equipment and materials to supplement presentations; Plan and conduct activities for a balanced program or instruction, demonstration, and work time that provides students with opportunities to observe, question, and investigate; Guide and counsel students with adjustments or academic problems, or special academic interests; Observe and evaluate students' performance, behavior, social development, and physical health; Prepare evaluate students performance, behavior, social development, and physical health; Prepare reports on students and activities as required by administration; Confer with other staff members to plan and schedule lessons, promoting learning, following approved curricula; Collaborate with other teachers and administrators in the development, evaluation, and revision of schools programs; Attend professional meetings, educational conference, and teachers training workshops to maintain and improve professional competence.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION: Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

EXPERIENCE: Must have at least 60 months of relevant work experience in Electrical Construction,

HOW TO APPLY: Submit or mail comprehensive Resume and supporting credentials to:

JODINA C. ATTAO NORTHERN MARIANAS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Office Address: Manglen Way, Lower Base Drive, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Mailing Address: P.O. Box 504880, Saipan, MP 96950 Email Address: nmtihro@gmail.com Telephone Number: Tel. (670) 235-6684

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Business

Crowne Plaza Resort, MINA ignite Environmental Awareness Month

Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan is thrilled to announce its active participation in the CNMI's Environmental Awareness Month.

Teaming up with the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, Crowne Plaza is committed to supporting MINA's mission through various collaborative initiatives.

Central to this partnership is Market Place at Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan, serving as the hub for environmental advocacy throughout April. For every coffee purchased at Market Place during April, \$1 will be donated to MINA in support of their conservation efforts. Moving forward, Market Place will have a donation box available for guests to donate to MINA's organization.

In addition to the partnership, the dedicated team at Crowne Plaza Saipan has established a dynamic green team tasked with spearheading environmentally-friendly initiatives both within the property and beyond. This green team has actively engaged in Environmental Awareness Month events while continuing to support MINA's initiatives alongside Crowne Plaza Saipan's own green endeavors.

Listed below are some of the initiatives led by the Crown Plaza Green Team:

- Participation in the 2024 Environmental Expo held on April 10 and 11, showcasing sustainable products utilized at Market Place, highlighting the donation from coffee sales to MINA, the resort's monthly beach clean-ups, and sharing the innovative story behind the in-property herb garden, crafted from repurposed materials.
- Installation of three trash bins across the beach side near Crown Plaza to mitigate littering and provide beachgoers with proper waste disposal options.
- Organized clean-up efforts in the area next to the resort with the assistance of dedicated volunteers.

Looking ahead, Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan will participate in upcoming Environmental Awareness Month initiatives:

- The Island-wide cleanup on April 20
- The tree-planting event on April 22
- Garapan clean-up on April 27

Plaza Resort Crowne Saipan remains dedicated to environmental conservation, striving to make a meaningful difference within the CNMI community.

For more information and updates, follow us on social media, Instagram and Facebook @ crowneplazaresortsaipan.

Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan is a 422-room hotel located in Garapan. Guests will



has teamed up with the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance to support MINA's mission through various collaborative initiatives.

Resort Saipan

CROWN PLAZA RESORT SAIPAN

be greeted by the resort's lush tropical gardens and panoramic view of Micro Beach, with

Crowne Plaza's warm and friendly hospitality ensuring a seamless arrival. (PR)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairperson of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Adoption of Agenda
- d. Adoption of Minutes: February 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. NMHC Division Updates
- b. CDBG-DR Housing & Infrastructure Updates
- c. Financial Statements Ending March 31, 2024 -CDBG-DR & NMHC

DEPUTY CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. CPD Updates
- b. HAF Updates

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Homebuyer/New Construction Funding and Construction
- Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Funding and Construction
- c. Upgrade Account Network System

NEW BUSINESS

- a. USDA RHS and NMHC MOU
- b. Yantze Corporation Status
- c. HAF Program Amendments
- d. Garapan Annex and Other NMHC Properties

LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Personnel
- b. CFO

ADJOURNMENT

(Notes: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13 (a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

Merced (Marcie) M. Tomokane Chairperson of the Board



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS





NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

- The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot 030 D 01, containing an area of approximately 14,255 square meters and Lot 101 D 01, containing an area of approximately 2,610 square meters, in Navy Hill Saipan for a total of 16,865 square meters. A map showing the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for
- The prospective Lessee is Grace Christian Academy of Saipan. The list of officers for Grace Christian Academy Non-Profit Corporation: Rev. Michael Rodgers as Board of Chairman, Ms. Catherine Harris as Secretary, Mrs. Beatrice Fatialofa as Board Member, Benjamin Vivero as Board Member, and Mrs. Beth Ann Nunez as Principle.
- The proposed lease is compliant with DPL regulations and was negotiated by the Board Chairman of Grace Christian Academy, Reverend Michael D. Rodgers.
- The Lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of the operation of a school from kindergarten to 12 grade; and other school and church related activities.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 40 years with an extension of up to 15 years with approval of the Legislature in accordance with P.L. 20-84 (1 CMC § 2806(c)(1)).

The proposed annual rental during the term of the lease agreement is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property plus the applicable percentage of Business Gross Receipts in DPL's regulation.

A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the PM Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp

- The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Navy Hill, Saipan.
- The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before April 25, 2024, at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIA PUT I MAPROPONI NA ATKILON TÅNU' PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku mannånå'i huyung nutisia guini put i intension-ñiha para u ma'atkila metton na tanu' pupbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariânas. Maseha håyi na pattidå intirisao gi halum hiniråt pupbliku siña muna'hålum upiñon, infotmasion, pat testimoniun kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilon nu i tanu' pupbliku. Komu mapribeni mås mo'na ginin i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesi na infotmasion manisisita para u mapupblika

- I maproponi na atkilon tanu' pupbliku madiskribi komu Lot 030 D 01, kunsissisti kåsi 14,255 square meters yan Lot 101 D 01, ni kunsissisti kåsi 2,610 square meters ni gaigi gi hålum Navy Hill iya Saipan para tutåt nu 16,865 square meters. I måpa ni ina'a'annuk i lugåt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku para inspeksion.
- I prospective Lessee i Grace Christian Academy iya Sa'ipan. I listan ufisiât siha para Grace Christian Academy Non-Profit Corporation: si Rev. Michael Rodgers komu Kabesiyun Kuetpu, si Siñorita Catherine Harris komu Sekritâria, si Siñora Beatrice Fatialofa komu Membrun Kuetpu, si Benjamin Vivero komu Membrun Kuetpu, yan si Siñora Beth Ann Nunez komu Prinsipåt.
- I maproponi na atkilon matåttiyi i regulasión DPL yan ginen manegosiu ni Kabesiyun Kuetpu nu Grace Christian Academy, as Reverend Michael D. Rodgers.
- I lessee debi na u usa i lugåt put atyu ha' na rason i operasión nu i iskuela ginen i kattiya asta 12 grådu; yan ottru manasosiát na aktibidåt iskuela yan guma' Yu'us siha.

I teman i maproponi na kuntråtan atkilon sa 40 åñus na tiempu yan i ekstensión asta 15 åñus na tiempu yan i inaprueban i Lehislatura sigun yan i P.L. 20-84 (1 CMC § 2806(c)(1)).

I maproponi na atkilon gi kada' såkkan gi duråntin teman kuntråtan i` atkilon mapega gi put sientus i bålin "appraised fair market" i propiedåt yan i aplikåo na put sientus nu i "Business Gross Receipts" gi halum i regulasion DPL.

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- I Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku tåya marisibi ni håfa na tinahguin inofresi siha ni para u ma'atkila i suhetu na tanu' pupbliku gi Navy Hill, giya Saipan.
- I Sekritåriun Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku debi na u aksepta tinigi' upiñon, infotmasion, testimoniun kinontra pat tinahguin prinoponi siha ginin i manintires na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Abrit 25, 2024, gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Sa'ipan, Luta pat Tini'an. I inekkunguk pupbliku siempri magopti yanggin marikuesta gi

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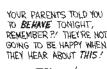


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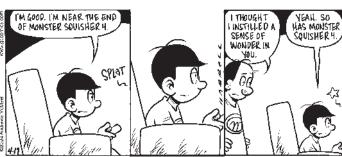


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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Hayden Christensen, 43; Kate Hudson, 45; James Franco, 46; Ashley Judd, 56.

Happy Birthday: Pay attention, do things right the first time, trust your instincts and pursue what makes you happy. Let kindness lead the way and your courage and charm resonate with those you love. Be the one to make a difference; you'll earn a place with those you admire. Don't sell yourself short or let anyone put you down. Stand tall and make yourself heard. Your numbers are 9, 17, 26, 31, 34, 44, 49.

▲ ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a chance and follow your plans. Pay attention to detail and see matters through to the end. Don't hesitate to say no to anyone pressuring you to put their needs first. Choose what gets you where you want to go and makes you happy. 🛇 😂

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Step outside your comfort zone if it will help you

explore possibilities. Engage in something that encourages you to expand your circle of friends and makes you feel good about yourself and your decisions. Embrace change and personal growth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get bogged down by what others choose to do. Relying on your instincts and ability to reach your goal will satisfy your soul and raise your selfesteem. If someone applies pressure, look at it as a learning experience and do what's necessary. ••

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An adventure will spark your imagination and encourage you to explore possibilities. A creative endeavor will enrich how you see the world around you and bring you in contact with someone who offers insight into something new and exciting. $\ensuremath{\mathbf{OOOO}}$

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be careful; someone will lead you astray if you are gullible. Think and do for yourself, and you will maintain control over the outcome.

Trust your intelligence, experience and knowhow to reach your destination. Personal gain, love and romance are on the rise. ��� VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pour your

emotional energy into something that adds value to your life. Learning or experiencing something new will give you a new lease on life. Changing your surroundings or visiting a place that reminds you of lessons learned will encourage positive decisions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Settle any differences you have over money, contracts or medical issues. Stick close to home and take care of unfinished business. Do whatever is necessary to ease the pressure you are feeling, and it will lift your spirits and encourage new beginnings. Romance is favored. •••

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll have additional discipline and the courage to do things differently. Consider a change in routine or setting your sights on someone or something that contributes to your life and how you live. Make each moment count, and personal growth and gains will be yours. 🛇 🔾 🔾

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be fooled by what you hear. If you get your information from the source, you'll save yourself grief. Recognize your value

and what you have to offer before you bend to someone else's demands. Don't rely on others; trust in your ability to get things done. 🗪

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's up to you to bring about change. If you dawdle, someone else will decide for you. Pay attention to medical issues and documents, and update anything that is about to lapse. A domestic investment will pay off. Get the facts and act accordingly. OCCO

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Let your innovative mind take over and lead the way. What you discover will help point you in a lucrative direction. If you follow someone else, it'll benefit them, not yourself. Offer suggestions, but focus your attention on what's best for you. Self-improvement is favored. 🕰

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A change will lift your spirits. Reach out to people who can put a smile on your face. Having fun will spark enthusiasm in life and the people and things you enjoy doing most. Leave nothing to chance; engage in what makes you happy. ���

Birthday Baby: You are unique, dedicated and inspirational. You are appealing and enthusiastic.

O: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. OO: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. 900: Focus and you'll reach your goals. OOOO: Aim high; start new projects. **QQQQQ**: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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Marte hits 150th career home run and Mets rout Pirates



NEW YORK (AP)—Starling Marte hit

his 150th career homer Wednesday, powering the New York Mets to a 9-1 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates and a sweep of a three-game series.

Marte, who spent the first eight seasons of his career with the Pirates, hit the milestone two-run homer off the railing beyond the left-center field fence to give the Mets a 2-1 lead in the third inning.

Tyrone Taylor hit a two-run single in the sixth and Harrison Bader homered on the next pitch for the Mets, who are 10-3 since an 0-5 start. Brandon Nimmo's two-run single capped a three-run eighth.

The sweep was the first for the Mets at Citi Field since they won three straight from the Philadelphia Phillies from May 30-June 1, 2023.

GIANTS 3, MARLINS 1

MIAMI (AP)—Rookie Keaton Winn threw six solid innings of one-run ball and San Francisco beat the Marlins to win their first series in Miami since 2016.

Winn (1-3) scattered four hits and struck out four. Thairo Estrada had two hits and scored the go-ahead run in the seventh, when he raced home on a double-play grounder hit by Nick Ahmed against reliever Declan Cronin (0-2).

Jorge Soler and Jung Hoo Loo had two hits and scored one run each for the Giants. Matt Chapman hit an RBI double in the eighth.

The Marlins dropped to an NL worst 4-15.

BREWERS 1, PADRES 0

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Blake Perkins hit a single in the eighth inning to crack a scoreless game and lead Milwaukee to a win over San Diego.

The hit spoiled a stellar start by Padres right-hander Michael King (2-1), who pitched a nohitter through 6 2/3 innings.

King didn't allow a runner past first base until the eighth inning, when Brice Turang stole second after hitting a single. King was charged with a run when Turang scored on Perkins' single off Wandy Peralta.

King went 7 2/3 innings on the day, throwing 109 pitches. He struck out 10 batters and walked two.

The Brewers snapped a threegame losing streak and ended the Padres' three-game winning streak.

ORIOLES 4, TWINS 2

BALTIMORE (AP)—Cedric Mullins hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Baltimore a victory over Minnesota and a three-game sweep of the Twins.

Gunnar Henderson and Anthony Santander also went deep for the Orioles, their fifth straight game with at least



New York Mets' Starling Marte reacts as he reaches home plate after hitting a two-run home run during the third inning of a baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates, Wednesday, April 17, 2024, in New York.

three home runs. Baltimore had a streak that long only twice before in franchise history, in 1996 and 1987.

With one on and one out, Mullins hit a drive to right field off Griffin Jax (1-2) for his fifth homer of the year. Craig Kimbrel (3-0) worked a 1-2-3 top of the ninth.

Pablo López allowed a leadoff homer to Henderson in the first but was outstanding after that. He exited after six innings and 87 pitches, having allowed a run and two hits with seven strikeouts.

RANGERS 5, TIGERS 4

DETROIT (AP)—Josh Smith's pinch-hit double in the top of the ninth drove home the winning run and Texas beat the error-prone Detroit.

With one out, Ezequiel Duran singled, went to second on an error first baseman Spencer Torkelson and scored on Smith's clutch hit to right-center field.

Kirby Yates (2-0) got the final four outs, striking out the side in the ninth, to get the win. Detroit's Shelby Miller (3-1) took the loss as the Tigers committed three errors, leading to two unearned runs.

ROYALS 4, WHITESOX 2, 1ST GAME WHITE SOX 2, ROYALS 1, 2ND GAME

CHICAGO (AP)—Salvador Perez hit a two-run homer in the eighth to put the Royals ahead, and Kansas City beat struggling Chicago in the first game of a doubleheader.

Perez socked his fifth homer of the season off Michael Kopech to left center for a 3-2 lead. Kansas City's eight-time All-Star catcher started Wednesday after missing Monday with a groin injury.

Hunter Renfroe added a solo shot in the ninth and Adam Frazier drove in the Royals' first run with a single. Bobby Witt Jr. had two hits and was aboard for Perez's homer after beating out an infield single.

Paul DeJong hit a two-run homer off Royals ace Brady Singer and finished with three hits. Chicago has lost sixth straight and its 2-15 record is its worst start in franchise history.

Gavin Sheets homered, Erick Fedde pitched scoreless ball into the sixth inning and Chicago edged Kansas City in the second game for a doubleheader split that ended a six-game slide.

Gavin Sheets' solo shot in the sixth off Michael Wacha struck the right-field foul pole and put Chicago ahead 2-0. Dominic Fletcher drove in Chicago's first run with a single in the fourth.

Hunter Renfroe knocked in a run with a groundout in the seventh against Tanner Banks, Chicago's first reliever. Deivi Garcia followed with two scoreless innings for his second career save and first this season.

BRAVES 5, ASTROS 4, 10 INNINGS

HOUSTON (AP)—Marcell Ozuna hit his major league-leading eighth homer and Orlando Arcia's RBI single in the 10th inning lifted Atlanta to a win over Houston.

It completes a three-game sweep of the struggling Astros and is Atlanta's fourth straight victory.

The Braves scored two runs in the eighth inning to tie it at 4-4. Michael Harris II started the 10th as the automatic runner on second and there was one out in the inning when Seth Martinez (1-1) intentionally walked Matt Olson.

Ozuna lined out to right field to send Harris to third base. Arcia then singled on a ground ball to left field to score Harris and put the Braves on top.

Pinch-runner Jake Meyers was on second when Kyle Tucker walked with no outs in the 10th. Meyers moved to third on a fly out by Yainer Diaz but Jeremy Peña grounded into a double play to end it.

A.J. Minter (3-1) got the last two outs of the ninth for the win and Raisel Iglesias earned his fifth save.

NATIONALS 2, DODGERS O

LOS ANGELES (AP)—CJ Abrams homered in the first at-bat of the game and Washington beat Los Angeles to take the series.

Nationals starter Jake Irvin (1-1) threw six scoreless innings to get his first win of the season and gave up just four hits. Irvin was efficient and dominant all afternoon.

Landon Knack (0-1) made his major league debut for the Dodgers.

Abrams smacked his second pitch of the game to right centerfield for his third career lead-off home run. Joey Menses hit a sacrifice fly to center to score a run for a 2-0 lead also in the first. Those were the only runs of the game.

YANKEES 6, BLUE JAYS 4

TORONTO (AP)—Aaron Judge broke a 4-all tie with a two-run single in the ninth inning, Juan Soto and Giancarlo Stanton hit solo home runs and the New York Yankees rallied to beat Toronto, avoiding their first sweep of the season.

Daulton Varsho hit two home runs for the Blue Jays, but Toronto's four-game winning streak was snapped.

Blue Jays manager John Schneider was ejected by plate umpire Ryan Wills for arguing in the bottom of the ninth.

Victor González (1-0) got one out for the win and Clay Holmes finished for his seventh save in eight chances.

ATHLETICS 6, CARDINALS 3

OAKLAND (AP)—Esteury Ruiz homered for the second time in three games since being recalled from Triple-A, and Oakland beat St. Louis to avoid a three-game sweep.

Ruiz drove in two runs, scored twice and stole a base. He has homered twice in six at-bats since his return Monday from Triple-A Las Vegas.

Tyler Nevin added three hits

and an RBI as Oakland improved to 4-9 at home.

Iván Herrera drove in two runs for the Cardinals, who fell to 0-6 in series finales this season.

CUBS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 3

PHOENIX (AP)—Cody Bellinger hit a go-ahead solo homer in the sixth inning, Mike Tauchman added an RBI double and the Chicago Cubs beat Arizona.

The Cubs took two of three in the hard-fought series, which included two extra-inning games.

Cubs reliever Hayden Wesneski (1-0) earned the win in his first game of the season after being called up from Triple-A Iowa. The right-hander threw four innings to save a tired bullpen and gave up just one hit while striking out two.

Bellinger homered off Arizona right-hander Brandon Pfaadt—launching a sweeper into the right-center seats — for a 3-2 lead. Pfaadt (1-1) gave up three runs, including two earned, over seven innings.

The Cubs added two more runs in the eighth, including one on Michael Busch's RBI single. The rookie recently tied a franchise record with homers in five straight games.

Ketel Marte gave the D-backs a 1-0 lead with his third leadoff homer of the season and eighth of his career.

SEATTLE 5, REDS 1

SEATTLE (AP)—Bryce Miller and three relievers combined on a one-hitter, Cal Raleigh, Mitch Garver and Josh Rojas all hit solo home runs, and Seattle beat the Cincinnati to complete a three-game sweep.

Miller (3-1) continued his brilliant stretch of pitching with the lone hit he allowed becoming the only earned run scored against him in his last three starts. Miller gave up a solo home run to Elly De La Cruz in the second when a slider stayed on the plate, but Miller was otherwise untouch-

able over six innings.

Miller walked Tyler Stephenson immediately after De La Cruz's homer, but then retired the final 13 batters he faced. Miller struck out seven and lowered his ERA to 1.85. Trent Thornton, Gabe Speier and Austin Voth finished off the one-hitter by each working an inning of relief.

PHILLIES 7, ROCKIES 6

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— Kyle Schwarber hit two home runs, including the 250th of his career, Cristopher Sánchez pitched six strong innings and Philadelphia completed a three-game sweep with a victory over Colorado Rockies.

Trea Turner homered, doubled and singled for the Phillies, who moved a season-best three games over .500. Philadelphia has won 13 of its last 15 against the Rockies.

Ezequiel Tovar had three hits and drove in two runs for Colorado, which dropped to 4-15. The Rockies entered tied with Miami for the worst record in the NL.

RED SOX 2, GUARDIANS O

BOSTON (AP)—Tanner Houck pitched a three-hitter with nine strikeouts for Boston's first complete-game shutout at Fenway Park in nearly seven years, and the Red Sox beat Cleveland.

Connor Wong homered in the fourth, one inning after Boston scored its first run on a balk by starter Ben Lively.

Houck (3-1) walked none in his first career complete game, which took just 1 hour, 49 minutes. He finished one short of his season high for strikeouts.

ANGELS 5, RAYS 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Anthony Rendon and Taylor Ward hit run-scoring singles off struggling closer Pete Fairbanks in the ninth inning and the Los Angeles Angels beat Tampa Bay.

Fairbanks (0-2) has 9.00 ERA in eight games this season with seven earned runs allowed in seven innings.

Amed Rosario gave the Rays a 4-3 lead with a two-run homer in the eighth off Hunter Strickland (1-0), who allowed a two-out single in a scoreless ninth to seal the win.

Tampa Bay scored twice with two outs in the ninth Tuesday night to tie it and won 7-6 on Rosario's 13th-inning RBI single.

Mike Trout hit his eighth homer, a 400-foot first-inning solo drive to center off Zack Littell. He has gone deep four times in six games against the Rays this season and tied Carlton Fisk for 79th on the career home runs list with 376.

Bolley Baller-Z rules 2024 Rocball league

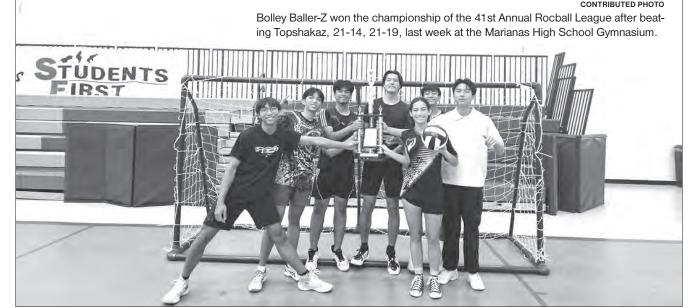


Baller-Z defeated Topshakaz in two sets with a final score of 41-33

last week to win the championship of the 41st Annual Rocball League at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Bolley Baller-Z won the first set, 21-14, but Bolley Baller-Z had to struggle from leading in points scored at the beginning to catch-up play in the second set.

In the end, the Bolleyballer-Z won the second set, 20-19, and averted going into overtime. In Rocball overtime is unpre-



Saipan Stevedore solidifies support for Joeten Memorial Golf Classic



Memorial Golf Classic welcomes Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc.

to its esteemed Founders Club, with a generous sponsorship of \$7,500.

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Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc. officials and staff join the Joeten Memorial Golf Classic organizing committee led by chair Shigeki Tenorio during the check presentation affirming the former's Founders Club sponsorship of \$7,500 for the July 6 tournament at the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort.

within our islands.

Michael Demapan, managing director of Saipan Stevedore, expressed his enthusiasm

for the upcoming JMGC event, stating, "Saipan Stevedore proudly stands as a Founders Club Gold Sponsor, champion-

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ing a cause close to our hearts.

tion celebrates its enduring partnership with Saipan Stevedore, expressing heartfelt gratitude for their years of collaboration.

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sent the NMI in Australia. He

also gave a big thanks to every-

one who supported the team

Chamber golf tournaey registration extended The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the extension deadline for player registration for this

vear's 15th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament. Originally stated to close on April 17, 2024, the reg-

dictable. An overtime set is

won when either team scores 5

points with or without the serve

or a goal, whichever comes first.

to the championship game,

Topshakaz defeated Spicey

Locals, 42-25, and the Bol-

In the semifinals leading up

istration period will now be extended until April 22, 2024 allowing more golf fanatics the oppor-

tunity to secure their spot at the upcoming tournament.

The tournament will kick off with showtime 6am followed by shotgun 7am on Saturday, April 27, 2024, followed by a player refreshment banquet. The registration fee for each team (two-person scramble) is \$260 and \$30 for optional play per team member. Players will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for the raffle prizes during registration and throughout the tournament.

Registration forms are available at the Chamber office conveniently located on the 2nd floor of the Marianas Business Plaza, Suite 201-A. You may also avail of the registration form at Laolao Bay Golf and Resort front desk or access it on our website www.saipan-

ley Baller-Z defeated Nesian Power, 55-31. In the semifinals and championship games there were 28 2-point serves, four 2-point backcourt scores,

five 3-point goals made, and

Balley Baller-Z players Jas-

per Hall and Mokyang Kim

both scored the 1-point de-

fensive play called a jam by

spiking down a served ball at

When Hall and Kim both

scored a jam in the last game

of the season, they both earned

the title of master player by be-

ing the only two persons in the

league to score at least once in

all of Rocball's six categories

of plays—court 1 point, aces 2

points, zunks 2 points, jams 1

point, kees 2 points, and goals

3 points. Of other notable per-

formances over the 2024 sea-

son of games, Dylan Lizama

of Border Control and Dem

Biscocho of Spice Locals each

scored 14 2-point aces, Trey

Igisomar of Quest scored eight

2-point backcourt plays called

the kee, and Jerome Man-

zon of Baddie-Z scored eight

3-point goals. (PR)

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the net position.

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the 50m freestyle.

For Miller, he's competing in the 200m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 50m breaststroke, 100m butterfly, and the 200m individual medley.

Tenorio is taking on the 50m butterfly, 100m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, 50m breaststroke, and the 50m freestyle.

Raho's events are the

100m backstroke, 50m backstroke, 200m backstroke, and the 50m freestyle.

And for Moshe, he's competing in the 100m backstroke, 50m backstroke, 200m backstroke, and the 50m freestyle.

Coach Sikkel said since their return from the 2023 Pacific Games in Honiara, Solomon Islands, the swimmers have trained for the championships. He said, "We are hoping to make finals in several events and possibly an age group record."

"Events like this are another great learning experience for even bigger events. We saw a lot of growth in our group after the [Pacific Games] and we expect the same here," said Sikkel.

While in Australia, he and Villacrusis will attend the World Aquatics Coaching certification.

He thanked the Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation for providing the team the opportunity to repre-

with their carwash fundraiser, gave thanks to their home pool at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan for their place to train, and Aqua Resort Club for allowing them to practice their dives in their pool.

The next major event for NMI swimmers is the 2024 Micronesian Games in Majuro, Marshall Islands from June 15-24.

quarter and quickly left the Saints in their dust, 29-19, From page 20 from threes and quick drives by Francisco Mizutani and Steve

and better ballhandling. when the dust settled, their lead

> out by Mizutani and in the end the pair led the team to

markers, respectively. Matt Duenas joined in the mix and put up 16 of his own. For the Saints, Leo Galarse and L. Rock Reyes teamed up with 14 markers each.

As of April 17 in the standings, Bridge Capital leads with Lamesa Kusina are next with two wins; Brothers, Pegs, Ak-Ming are at 1-1; Saints is 2-1; Akkari Eet 1 and Ol'Aces are at 0-2 each; and Shirley's are at three losses.

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Camacho 10, Bernardo 10, David 8, Foronda 7, Diwa 7, Devero 6, Esdrelon 6, Pastrana 5, Ferrer 3, Medina 3, Baking 2, Standish 1.

Scoring by quarters: 20-13, 38-37, 52-55, 70-68.

Bridge Capital 82 – King 33, Mizutani 18, Duenas 16, Richardson 13, Manglona 2.

Saints 74 – Galarse 14, L. Rock Reyes 14, Yugummang 12, Tengco 8, Palacios 6, Aughenbaugh 6, Ogumoro 5, Thongaram 4, Luizi Reyes 2.

Scoring by quarters: 27-19, 44-40, 66-55, 82-74.

LADY

the fourth and put up seven runs. However, the Lady Blue Jays

put their heads down and got to work in the fifth and Christy Aldan, Angel Deleon Guerrero, Alannah Sablan, and Britney Gopez scored four runs to take the lead back, 11-9.

Bat & Boujee then couldn't score a run in the last three innings as the Lady Blue Jays added two more in the seventh to seal the deal by a margin of 4 runs.

In the BDE and 670 Magas

Babes game, BDE took the lead in the third and stuck with it. By the fourth, they were up, 6-4, as the Babes tried their best to get on base.

BDE pitcher Jovie Omar had other plans though and proceeded to shut down the Babes' lineup from the fifth through the seventh. For good measure, BDE's Allana Sumang added one more run and eventually wrapped up the game with a 7-4 final.

Game 1 of the women's division finals is set for this Sunday. April 21 at 2pm. Game 2 and 3 (if needed) are set for April 28.

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bucket in the last seconds to steal the W.

Kintz, along with his game-winning layup, scored 15 points, while Ryan Bayna scored 12, and Hizon contributed 11. For New Chang Ming, Juan Camacho and Ronald Bernardo put up 10 points each, while Christian David shot 8.

Meanwhile, Bridge Capital earned their third win in as many games over the Saints, 82-74.

Bridge Capital had a commanding presence in the first

King. But the Saints rose from the ashes in the second quarter and finally got into the groove with more accurate attempts King, however, did what he did best and that was to shoot the ball. He went on a scoring frenzy in the third quarter and

King was assisted throughvictory with 33 points and 18

was once again in the double

digits, 66-55.

three wins; Team Marianas and kari Ruuw 2, and New Chang

Pegs 70 - Kintz 15, Bayna 12, Hizon 11, Olopai 8, Aycar-

76ers beat Heat, 105-104, in play-in to earn No. 7 seed

PHILADELPHIA
(AP)—The 76ers needed all the improbable tricks they could summon to even have a chance at winning their first play-in game in team history.

Nicolas Batum hit gameshifting 3-pointers. Buddy Hield was in the mix. Even the promise of free chicken nuggets was enough to revive an offense and smother the boos from Philly fans that rained inside the arena.

But in crunch time, the game came down to Joel Embiid. Always Joel Embiid.

With the NBA MVP on the court, the 76ers proved they have a shot at a long post-season run as long as he's in the lineup.

Embiid had 23 points, 15 rebounds and one huge assist to

Kelly Oubre Jr. on a go-ahead three-point play that led the 76ers to a 105-104 win over the Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference play-in tournament on Wednesday night.

"Lots of booing," Embiid said, smiling. "We stuck together. It just shows you that I don't play my best, I don't get to my spots the whole game until the fourth quarter, and we still find a way to win."

The 76ers earned the No. 7 seed and advanced to play the second-seeded New York Knicks in the opening round of the Eastern Conference playoffs. Game 1 is Saturday at Madison Square Garden.

The Heat—who went from the play-in tourney to the NBA Finals a year ago—host Chicago on Friday night, with the winner getting the No. 8 seed.

BULLS 131, HAWKS 116

CHICAGO (AP)—Coby White scored a career-high 42 points, and Chicago advanced in the play-in tournament, knocking out Atlanta.

White, whose previous high was 37, went hard at the rim throughout the game and had fans chanting his name down the stretch as the Bulls rolled past the Hawks. Chicago visits

Miami on Friday for a shot at the No. 8 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs and a firstround matchup with Boston. The Heat lost 105-104 to Philadelphia on Wednesday.

Dejounte Murray led Atlanta with 30 points. But the Hawks came up short again after dropping their final six regular-season games.

Nikola Vucevic had 24 points and 12 rebounds for Chicago. DeMar DeRozan finished with 22 points and nine assists.





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Seven swimmers off to Australia



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Coach Richard Sikkel, back right, and coach Christian Villacrusis, far left, pose for a group photo at the Saipan International Airport yesteday with the seven swimmers representing the NMI in the Oceania Swimming Championships 2024 in Australia from April 21 to 24.

By LEIGH GASES

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he NMI National Swim Team is ready to make a splash and heading Down Under to the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, in Southport, Queensland, Australia for the Oceania Swimming Championships 2024 from April 21 to 24.

The team is made up of seven swimmers including Taiyo Aki-

maru, Jinie Thompson, Savita Sikkel, Michael Miller, Nagi Tenorio, Piper Raho,

and Moshe Sikkel. They are joined by coach Richard Sikkel and Christian Villacrusis.

Akimaru's events are the 50m butterfly, 100m breaststroke, 50m breaststroke,

200m individual medley, and

Thompson's events include the 50m butterfly, 50m breaststroke, 100m

butterfly, 200m individual medley, and 50m freestyle.

Savita's events consist of the 50m butterfly, 100m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, and See SEVEN on Page 18

at the Dandan Softball Field.

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The Lady Blue Jays and BDE

punched their ticket to the fi-

women's division after their win in the semis last Sunday

The Lady Blue Jays took

on Bat & Boujee and won, 13-9, while BDE defeated 670 Magas Babes, 7-4.

A rally by the Lady Blue Jays in the fifth and seventh

inning secured their win after they were down, 7-9 in the fourth. The

Lady Blue Jays actually had a 7-2 lead in the third, but Bat & Boujee's offense exploded in

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Lady Blue Jays vs. BDE in softball finals

File photo shows Lady Blue Jays pitcher Angel Deleon Guerrero pitching during a game in the 2024 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association league women's division at the Dandan Softball Field.

Pegs, Bridge Capital notch wins in Michelob Cup

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last Monday and

By LEIGH GASES

Pegs and Bridge Capital notched wins in the 2024 Michelob Ultra Cup (men's division)

Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Pegs claimed their first win

after upsetting New Chang Ming, 70-68, last Monday.

In the final seconds, James Kintz sank the tiebreaking layup to hand New Chang Ming their first loss of the season.

The game's lead teetered between both teams as possession and control waxed and waned throughout. The defensive pressure from the get-go didn't allow for a high scoring first quarter, but Pegs ruled it, 20-13.

It was a physically contested game and the second quarter saw a lot of fouls, which eventually allowed

New Chang Ming to catch up. By the end of the first half, it was a nail-biting game, 38-37 in favor of Pegs.

Kintz and Rannie Hizon then became an unstoppable force in the second half as they took turns at the basket, but New Chang Ming paced them and overtook the lead in some instances. However, Pegs muscled their way through the last quarter with a well-placed Kintz See PEGS on Page 18

File photo shows Pegs' Mark Aycardo going for a jump shot during their game against the Saints in the 2024 Michelob Ultra Cup (men's open division) at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.